

GOMPERS SEEKS INFORMATION

Wants to Know Whether Right of
Free Speech and Free Press
Exists in This Country.

HOPES FOR SUPREME COURT.

Would Have it Immortalize Itself by
Reincarnating Magna Charta and
The Constitution

Toronto, Nov. 12.—"Either we have the right to free speech and free press or we have not, and we want the court to say so. Whether we will say to jail I do not know."

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, thus expressed himself today in telling the Federation convention the status of the contempt proceedings under which the Vice-president Mitchell and Ecce Morrison have been sentenced to terms in jail.

Mr. Gompers said there were three ways in which the case could reach the Supreme court of the United States; by writ of error; by writ of certiorari or by writ of habeas corpus, after the defendants had been placed in jail.

"I have abiding faith in the justice of our cause," Mr. Gompers continued, "and I can only express the hope that the higher court of our land will immortalize themselves by the reincarnation of the *Maezra* Charia and the

constitution of the United States. An appeal for moral and financial support from the striking garment workers in St. Louis was read and deferred several resolutions were presented and the convention adjourned untomorrow.

The International Brewery Worker's union presented a resolution advocating an amendment to the constitution to provide that neither the executive nor officers of the federation convention be permitted to interfere with the internal affairs of an international organization and never should "state or central bodies to interfere in matters which were to be adjudicated by the international unions themselves.

The Central Labor union of the District of Columbia suggests the influence of the federation be used to change the date of inauguration of the president of the United States to a more suitable time than March 4.

**ALL MEMBERS OF
ROOSEVELT PARTY WELL**

Nakuru, Nakuru, province, British East Africa. Nauser, who arrived here today from Gaus (Nasab plateau), reported that all members of the American hunting expedition at the plateau were well.

There is no possibility of cable dispatch sent out from here during the last several days proves that the rumor that the Colorado was killed with an accident did not originate here.

INCREASE IN WHEAT.

Washington, Nov. 12.—There has been an increase of nearly 309,000,000 bushels, or fully one-sixth, in the production of wheat recently harvested in six countries in the northern hemisphere which in 1908 produced practically two-thirds of the world supply.

The countries embrace the United States, Canada, France, Hungary, Russia and Roumania and the figures are gathered from the latest estimate published of the production for each country.

After two years of unusually abundant yields, the world's production of wheat, which is expected to stabilize, trade estimates will fall to a lower point than in any year since 1882.

Although improvement was noted in

HIZEKIAH BARNES HANGED.
Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 12.—Hizekiah W. ("Bud") Barnes was hanged today at the penitentiary here for the murder of Mrs. Anna Aldrich. Barnes bore up bravely and denied his guilt to the last.

Barnes was convicted on circumstantial evidence on his second trial, the first jury having failed to agree. He was accused of having enticed Mrs. Aldrich, aged 70, in April, 1908, to her lonely ranch in Copper canyon presumably to inspect the place with a view to purchasing it. There he allegedly had her attacked her with a slick handle, crushing her skull.

The murderer was 25 years of age and had a wife and child.

**SUGAR REFINERY
OFFICIALS INDICTED**

New York, Nov. 12.—James F. Bendoragel, for many years general superintendent of the Williamsburg plants of the American Sugar Refining company, was today indicted by the federal grand jury in connection with the alleged sugar weighing frauds.

Bendoragel's resignation was accepted yesterday. Six other former employees of the American Sugar Refining company also were indicted. These men are accused of conspiracy to defraud by underweights in sugar shipments admitted into the country at the Williamsburg docks of the sugar company. They are Oliver Suttorf, Thomas H. McGee, M. Foelker, Edward A. Boyer, John R. Coyle and Patrick J. Henessey. Known all along as the "Big Six."

DR. HARRIETTE KEATINGE DEAD

New York, Nov. 12.—By the death here of Dr. Harriette Keatinge, America has lost one of her most noted women physicians. She was the pioneer woman doctor of the gulf states, but of late years busied practicing in this city.

her immediate entourage were 10 doctors, six of whom were women. Her grandmother came to this country with William Penn and had a reputation for medical skill. Her grandmother was also a doctor. An aunt, Dr. Clemence Losier, founded the New York medical college and hospital for women, of which Dr. Keatinge was a graduate.

Heart disease was the cause of her death.